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## BOTTLE OF POLISH STARTS BIG BLAZE

Commercial Club Building is Nearly Destroyed.

Back Wall of Front Office Covered With Flames When They Are Discovered.

VALUABLE PAMPHLETS BURNED

But for the fact that fire, which originated, it is believed, in the explosion of furniture cleaning fluid, started at an early hour, the Paducah Commercial club building, 130 South Fourth street, would have been entirely destroyed last night. Several members of the Traveling Men's club were in their rooms upstairs, and Simon Hecht, secretary of the T. P. A., rushed down and gave the alarm. The fire department extinguished the blaze after damage amounting to \$168 had been wrought.

There was no one in the Commercial club rooms last night, and the fire originated between the wall and a cabinet, containing valuable papers and pamphlets of the organization. A bottle of furniture polish had been left on a file of papers. This seems to be the only clue to the origin. A coincidence throws some light on the matter. When the fire occurred several weeks ago in the office of C. E. Jennings, real estate dealer, in the Fraternity building, it was discovered that a bottle of this same kind of polish had been left standing in the spot, where the fire started.

The fire last night embraced the whole back wall of the front office. Almost completely ruined the fine oak cabinet burned the wall-paper and the rug. The flames had reached the ceiling when the department arrived. Had it gone through the floor the whole building might have been doomed. There are several offices in the building and the Traveling Men's club upstairs contains pool tables and other valuable furniture. Legal Row to the south would have been endangered.

Several thousand pamphlets which were to have been sent to Germany in the interests of the immigration movement were destroyed. Just a few days ago insurance was taken out on the furnishings of the Commercial club.

Oil Struck in Main Street.

Evansville, Ind., June 23.—While drilling for water at Petersburg, Ind., today, oil was struck in the main street of the town at a depth of 90 feet, flowing seven barrels an hour. The well is on a lot owned by Horace D. Harris, Democratic nominee for county treasurer.

## AGAINST BAILEY

OPPOSITION IS ARISING IN ALL PARTS OF TEXAS.

Article by David Graham Phillips in Magazine is Bearing Early Fruit.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 23.—The attack on Senator Bailey, of Texas, by David Graham Phillips in a current magazine is bearing fruit. Petitions are being circulated over the state requesting that former Attorney General Crane become a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Bailey.

WHOLE BLOCK

Burned Out at Waxahachie, Texas—Loss Is Heavy.

Waxahachie, Texas, June 23.—Fire this morning destroyed an entire block of business houses. The fire originated in the Oriental boarding house, which is among the number entirely destroyed. The loss is heavy but has not yet been estimated.

ASSASSIN

Attacks Police Commissioner, Mortally Wounding Him.

St. Petersburg, June 23.—A police commissioner was shot and mortally wounded last night in the industrial quarter by a man who awaited him. The would-be assassin, whose name is unknown, was arrested.

The circulation of The Sun for May averaged 4,001 a day. When you advertise in The Sun you know what you are doing—you are not buying space, but circulation.

MISHAP TO GIRL ENDS MYSTERY

Springfield Young Woman, Said to Be Dying, Reveals Identity.

Springfield, Ill., June 23.—Mae C. Adkinson a young woman of prominent family, is dying from burns received today in the explosion of a gasoline stove. The girl disappeared from her home three weeks ago, and her parents did not know her whereabouts until she revealed her name while being taken to a hospital from the house in which the accident occurred.

## KIDNAPED

MOTHER CHARGED DAUGHTER WITH EXTORTING MONEY.

Says She Was Drugged and Guarded By Ferocious Dogs—Stabbed With Table Fork.

New York, June 23.—Mrs. Florence Axtell, who as Miss Nesta Neilson was famous as an actress, and was a member of Lawrence Barrett's company, when that player died was made defendant today in a suit instituted by her mother, Mrs. Anna D. Presby, of Stamford, Conn., who charges that Mrs. Axtell and her husband not only abducted her from Wilton, near South Norfork, Conn., brought her to this city and kept her drugged for three months, but in order to obtain \$2,000 worth of diamonds and \$12,000 worth of property, located in Johnsonburg, Penn., had dogs guard her.

The mother, who is 63 years old, also accuses the one-time stage favorite of stabbing her with a fork, thereby causing blood poisoning.

## CONSPIRACY

MAY BE CHARGE AGAINST OFFICIALS OF STANDARD.

Prosecutions Under Elkins and Sherman Laws Are Certain To Be Instituted.

Washington, June 23.—Some of the wealthiest men in the United States may be sent to prison for conspiracy, if the program of the administration is carried out. The formal announcement of the purpose of the government to prosecute the Standard Oil company was made today by Attorney-General Moody. It appears from his statement that the proceedings in the first instance will be had under the Elkins law, which prohibits rebates in interstate commerce. The attorney-general, however, gives notice that in all probability, should the investigation justify it, he will bring further action under the Sherman anti-trust law.

PANAMA DUTY CAUSES CLASH.

Denies Right to Import Tobacco Free Into Canal Zone.

Panama, June 23.—Serious differences may arise between the United States and the Republic of Panama regarding the right of the former to import into the canal zone commissaries' supplies of tobacco free of duty. Panama denies this right, claiming that tobacco is not an article of first necessity nor one required in canal construction. The last Panama assembly established a duty of \$1 per pound on tobacco, practically prohibiting its importation.

Double Use of Wire.

Denver Col., June 23.—Practical demonstration of the simultaneous use of a single wire, both for telegraphing and for telephoning, was given at the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Association of Railway Telegraph superintendents, which opened in this city today.

Rockefeller Gives \$250,000.

Chicago, Ill., June 23.—Dr. Goodspeed, secretary of the board of trustees of the University of Chicago, announced today that a gift of \$250,000 had been received from John D. Rockefeller, to be used for current expenses for the year beginning July 1.

## DYNAMITE IS USED TO SAVE THE TOWN

Forty Families are Homeless At Golconda.

City in Darkness and Many People Have Lost All Their Worldly Possessions.

WATER PLANT IS DESTROYED.

W. V. Schrenk, clerk of the steamer Royal, which runs between Golconda and Paducah, gave additional information about the disastrous fire there yesterday.

A gas tank in a laundry over the electric and water plants exploded setting that business on fire. A stiff wind was blowing toward the river and the flames got a good hold on some frame buildings near the water plant. At one time the fire was under control when a hose burst and crippled the fight. After this dynamite was freely used to check the flames and was in a measure responsible for saving the town from total destruction.

Men became exhausted by the prolonged struggle and by the fierce heat and many fainted.

The fire was finally checked by the wall of the millinery store of G. Well, which not having any windows in it, placed a firm barrier to the flames.

The electric light plant was destroyed and last night the town was in complete darkness and lamps being the only light obtainable.

The water plant was also destroyed early in the fire and probably made the fight harder from the weak pressure on the water mains. These two plants are a total loss with no insurance.

The town was struck a blow, which it will take years to overcome for there was little insurance and many men lost all they had. Forty families are homeless this morning. Thirty-seven houses not counting stables were burned.

The Joe Fowler was at the wharf at the time and had to back out into the river from the heat and sparks which were being blown toward the river. This morning the whole town is in a blue mood. Two saloon men were in the city this morning to secure tents to put on their now vacant lots and in which they will resume business. There may be excursions run out if here tomorrow to view the ruins.

McCLURE STARS IN NEW FIELD.

Trio of Writers Go to American Magazine, Bought By J. S. Phillips.

New York, June 23.—John S. Phillips, who recently withdrew from partnership with S. S. McClure as publisher of McClure's Magazine, today completed practical details in the purchase from Ellery Sedgwick of the American Magazine, formerly Frank Leslie's Monthly. He will take it over on July 1. When Mr. Phillips withdrew from McClure's there went with him Ida M. Tarnell, Lincoln Steffens, Ray Stannard Baker, Mr. Boyden, the managing editor, and others.

GAIN FOR WISCONSIN.

Census Bureau Reports Increase in Capital, Wages and Output.

Washington, June 23.—A substantial increase in the manufactures of Wisconsin is shown in a preliminary summary issued by the census bureau today for the calendar year 1904 as compared with 1900. The number of establishments was 8,558, increase 9 per cent; capital invested \$416,447,051, increase 46 per cent; average number of wage-earners 151,391, increase 10 per cent; wages \$71,471,805, increase 28 per cent; value of products \$111,139,681, increase 26 per cent.

Petition to Save Mrs. Meyers.

Herick, Ill., June 23.—A petition with 125 names attached, was mailed to Jefferson City today asking Gov. Folk to commute the death sentence of Mrs. Aggie Meyers, of Kansas City, to life imprisonment. The petition was circulated by Lewis Vance, a 14-year-old boy of this city.

Seats for Women Clerks.

Chicago, Ill., June 23.—Councilman F. Ernest Cramer will this afternoon introduce in the city council an ordinance requiring the proprietors of stores where women are employed as clerks to furnish them with seats during the time they are not engaged in waiting on customers.

## SALOONS CLOSE FOR FIVE HOURS

New Midnight Ordinance is Now the Law.

Mayor Signs Measure and Issues Instructions to Department of Police.

TAXATION EXEMPTION LAW.

Saloons must close at midnight tonight and remain closed until 5 o'clock Monday morning.

This is the edict sent forth from Mayor Yeiser's office and James Collins, chief of police, this morning received orders to that effect. Since the Sunday closing law operates at the birth of the new city ordinance there will be little change in usual order of things, but Monday night the lid goes on unsupported by state statutes.

"I signed the ordinance today," said Mayor Yeiser, "and I have given instructions to the police department to see that the law is enforced. The publication has nothing to do with the making the law operative. Of course, the ordinance must be published, but it is in force when the mayor signs it without immediate publication. The saloons must close promptly at 12 o'clock and can not open until 5 in the morning."

Mayor Yeiser also signed the ordinance exempting manufacturing concerns from city taxes for five years.

LIGHTNING BOLT

Burns Down House and Kills Little Boy at Reevesville, Ill.

Trainmen on the Illinois Central noon train from Carbondale, Ill., report a fatal accident at Reevesville, Ill., fifteen miles back of Metropolis on the Illinois Central this morning. Lightning struck a house, burned it down and a small boy was killed by the shock. He was standing near the house and received the full power of the bolt. He died in a few minutes after the flash came. No names were secured, and on account of wires being down no telephone or telegraphic communications could be secured.

LONDON SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Just as Bad as Chicago's, Says the Review.

London, June 23.—The Review usually anti-American in its expressions, in an article published today, points out that the slaughtering of diseased carcasses in small slaughterhouses in England is a common thing. The Review advocates the construction of public slaughter houses and said some places, where food is prepared in London, are quite as loathsome as in Chicago. These places are filthy in every way.

PAIR OF SPECTACLES

Cast Another Suspicion on Prisoner of City.

Mr. Gus Singleton took his spectacles off this morning and placed them in the case. The case was then carefully placed in his pocket but when the popular ex-councilman felt for them later found them not there. A search about the city hall, where he had taken them off, failed to reveal them. When George Frazier, colored, wanted for chicken stealing was taken to the jail from the city hall and searched the glasses were found on him.

\$400,000 FIRE

Destroys Big Grain Elevator in Chicago Today.

Chicago, June 23.—The Templetons' grain elevator caught fire this morning. When the flames were extinguished at 9 o'clock the loss was estimated at \$400,000. Thirty cottages in the neighborhood of the elevator caught fire frequently. Firemen saved them with great exertion.

UNDER CAR

Laborers Take Refuge from Storm and Two Are Killed.

Stevensville, Ohio, June 23.—Fourteen laborers sought shelter from the rain under a car on the siding at Labele Iron Works this morning. A shifting engine moved down on the car and two men were killed and one injured.

Thunder showers tonight and probably cooler tonight. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 95 and the lowest reached this morning was 66.

GIRL REBUKED, MAY BE SUICIDE

Almost Naked Leaves Her Home and Hundreds Search for Her.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 23.—Because she was rebuked in court yesterday, for incorrigibility, Luejla Matvela, aged 15 left her home last night and cannot be found. It is feared she has drowned herself. She wore only a light skirt and dressing sacque when she disappeared. Hundreds of persons spent the day searching for her.

## INJURED MEN

NOT IN DANGER, BUT GORDON IS CONFINED TO BED.

William Sines, Whose Foot was Amputated, Is Resting Well at Riverside Hospital.

Sam Gordon, the driver, who jumped or was knocked from the No. 2 ice wagon of the G. W. Robertson company yesterday morning when a street car struck it, is seriously injured and cannot leave his bed. Gordon alighted in such a way as to injure his hips. He was able to walk about for several hours, but finally his back began to hurt and he was forced to take to his bed.

An examination late yesterday afternoon showed him to be suffering from a sprained back, and the extent of the injury cannot be told for several days.

William Sines, whose left foot was crushed so that amputation was necessary, is resting well in Riverside. The young man stood the operation well, and it is thought the injury will not develop complications.

## BECKHAM

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR UNITED STATES SENATE.

Will Oppose Senator McCreary in the Race Before State Democratic Primary.

Frankfort, Ky., June 23.—Gov. Beckham today made formal announcement of his candidacy in the primary to be held over the state on the day of the regular election in November next for the Democratic nomination to succeed James B. McCreary in the senate of the United States. Senator McCreary has already entered upon a campaign for re-election.

RETURN BIBLE AFTER 30 YEARS

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 23.—The Michigan Class of '76 Clear Up Old University Mystery.

feature of alumni day today at the University of Michigan was the return of the old chapel Bible which mysteriously disappeared thirty years ago, by the class of 1876. It seems that one night in '76 the seniors mischievously locked a decrepit old horse in the chapel. Fearing that the horse might chew the pages of the Bible, they took the book away with them to preserve it. The affair then aroused such a storm in college that nobody dared to return the book.

Woman Frustrates Bandits.

Wabash, Ind., June 23.—Mrs. Egnew, owner of the Western hotel, in Logro, at 2 o'clock this morning frustrated four bandits who blew the safe in the store of Fulton & Son. Mrs. Egnew heard the explosion, ran to a large bell and rang it until she had aroused the town. The gang disappeared. This is the third time the store has been visited by safe blowers.

Volunteers' Pensions.

Washington June 23.—The senate committee on pensions has decided not to hold any more meetings at this session of congress, and this side-tracks until next session at least the bill to create a volunteers' retired list for surviving generals of the volunteer army of the civil war.

## BLOOD STAINED AX FOUND BY POLICE

Mother Arrested for Murder of Her Daughter.

Old Miser, in Whose House Were Found Stolen Goods, Prisoner in Her Own Home.

NEW YORK MYSTERY CLEARING.

New York, June 23.—Coroner Schwannecke announced today that the aged mother of Mrs. Louise Alice Kinan who was killed on her porch a week ago, is under arrest. She is guarded by the police matron and two detectives and although her residence is her prison she is as much in duration as if she were in the Tomb.

The finding of a blood stained ax hidden under a pile of rubbish led to the action by the coroner whereby the old woman is a prisoner. In the opinion of Coroner Schwannecke this is overwhelming evidence that the murder of Mrs. Kinan was committed by a member of the Stenton household.

The coroner and Detective Sergeant Price hurried to the Miller residence this evening and spent several hours with the aged prisoner, endeavoring to get a confession from her. On the belief that the ax was the property of the aged miser, they are confident that she cannot hold on much longer and that a startling confession will be wrung from her in another day at least.

Household Was Desperate.

In proving the desperate character of the household it was recalled that a few days ago in a secret chamber were found bank books for nearly \$30,000 together with five trunks of valuable articles, such as silverware, with department store tags still on them, indicating that shoplifting was the trade of the trunks' owner.

Mrs. Stenton was once a woman of high social standing and comes from one of the old aristocratic families of New York. In former days she entertained much and Commodore Vanderbilt was frequently her guest.

The blood-stained ax which undoubtedly was wielded by Mrs. Kinan's slayer, was hidden in such a way as to show that the debris covering it was disturbed quite recently. The handle is about three feet long and the head is square and, according to the coroner, would fit the indentation in the murdered woman's skull.

Dies of "Sleeping Sickness."

London, June 23.—Lieut. Tulich, who accompanied the royal societies commission to Uganda to investigate the "sleeping sickness," which disease he contracted while dissecting an inoculated rat, died today in London of the sickness.

## WIND AND RAIN

PLAY HAVOC WITH TREES AND TENTS FOR FEW MINUTES.

Chautauqua Canvas Auditorium Laid Flat and Court-House Flag Ripped.

A heavy wind and rain storm swept over the city this morning at 10 o'clock but little damage is reported.

A dense black cloud made its appearance in the northwest and darkness nearly equal to night prevailed for some time. Rain followed and for fifteen minutes fell steadily. The wind blew it in all directions. The telephone and telegraph companies report no damage.

A few trees were blown down and the flag on the court-house was whipped into shreds. The tent at the park used in the chautauqua exercises was blown down, but will be raised immediately. The exercises this afternoon will be held in the Casino.

The velocity of the wind was great but was not registered here, the device used in registering the velocity of the wind being out of repair.

River property was tied safely before the wind appeared and no damage about Paducah is reported in marine circles.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued as follows: C. E. Nelson, 32 years old, of New Paris, Ind., and Sallie Utterback Halcorn, 27 years old, of Sikeston, Mo.